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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please make the following changes to the claims.

1. (Previously Presented) A device for securing an end of an elongated load bearing member in an elevator system, comprising:

a socket portion having oppositely facing engaging surfaces inside the socket portion;

a wedge portion that is at least partially received within the socket portion such that a portion of the elongated load bearing member is received between the engaging surfaces of the socket portion and the wedge portion; and

at least one brace member that secures the wedge portion within the socket portion where the brace member has an engaging surface on an inside of the brace member and the socket portion includes a cooperating engaging surface on an outside of the socket portion for holding a section of the load bearing member between the socket portion outside engaging surface and the brace member inside engaging surface.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the socket portion is an extruded metal piece.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the wedge portion is an extruded metal piece.

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4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the socket portion and the wedge portion have a constant cross sectional profile.

5-9. Withdrawn.

10. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the brace is an extruded metal piece that is received at least partially around the socket.

11. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the socket includes a projection that operates to hold the brace in place on the socket.

12. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the brace includes an opening through at least one sidewall of the brace and the wedge portion includes an opening, the openings being situated such that a tool can be received into the openings and utilized to manipulate the wedge portion relative to the brace.

13. (Previously Presented) A device for securing an end of an elongated load bearing member in an elevator system, comprising:

an extruded socket portion having oppositely facing engaging surfaces inside the socket portion; and

an extruded wedge portion that is at least partially received within the socket portion such that a portion of the elongated load bearing member is received between the engaging surfaces of the socket portion and the wedge portion.

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14. (Original) The device of claim 13, including at least one brace member that secures the wedge portion within the socket portion.

15. (Original) The device of claim 14, wherein the brace member is an extruded metal piece.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein the socket includes a projection that operates to hold the brace in place on the socket.

17. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein the brace includes an opening through at least one sidewall of the brace and the wedge portion includes an opening, the openings being situated such that a tool can be received into the openings and utilized to manipulate the wedge portion relative to the brace.

18. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein the socket portion includes a first and a second leg, the first leg being obliquely oriented relative to the second leg and being moveable into a generally parallel alignment with the second leg responsive to movement of the wedge portion within the socket portion.

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19. (Original) The device of claim 13, including a brace portion that secures the wedge portion within the socket portion and wherein the brace portion includes a load bearing member engaging surface that is adapted to secure a portion of the load bearing member between the brace member and the socket portion.

20. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the wedge portion has oppositely facing engaging surfaces on an outside of the wedge portion and wherein one section of the elongated load bearing member is held between one of the wedge portion engaging surfaces and one of the socket portion engaging surfaces and wherein another section of the load bearing member is held between the other wedge portion engaging surface and the other socket portion engaging surface.

21. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the engaging surfaces on the socket portion are part of a continuous engaging surface inside the socket portion.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the engaging surfaces on the socket portion are part of a continuous engaging surface inside the socket portion.

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24. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the wedge portion has oppositely facing engaging surfaces on an outside of the wedge portion and a first section of the load bearing member is held between one of the wedge portion engaging faces and one of the socket portion engaging faces and another section of the load bearing member is held between the other wedge portion engaging surface and the other socket portion engaging surface.

25. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 14, where the brace member has an engaging surface on an inside of the brace member and the socket portion includes a cooperating engaging surface on an outside of the socket portion for holding a section of the load bearing member between the socket portion outside engaging surface and the brace member inside engaging surface.

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26. (Previously Presented) A device for securing an end of an elongated load bearing member in an elevator system, comprising:

a socket portion;

a wedge portion that is at least partially received within the socket portion such that a portion of the elongated load bearing member is received between the socket portion and the wedge portion; and

at least one brace member that secures the wedge portion within the socket portion, the brace member including an opening through at least one side wall of the brace member and the wedge portion including an opening, the openings being situated such that a tool can be received into the openings and utilized to manipulate the wedge portion relative to the brace.

27. (Cancelled)

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28. (New) A device for securing an end of an elongated load bearing member in an elevator system, comprising:

a socket portion having oppositely facing engaging surfaces inside the socket portion;

a wedge portion that is at least partially received within the socket portion such that a portion of the elongated load bearing member is received between the engaging surfaces of the socket portion and the wedge portion; and

at least one brace member that secures the wedge portion within the socket portion wherein the socket portion and the wedge portion have a constant cross sectional profile.